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ANNUAL
FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN
OF THE
TOWN OF BARNSTEAD,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.
WITH THE
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The taxes assessed for the year are as follows :

State tax,	\$1,208 00
County tax,	1,317 63
School tax,	1,400 00
Town tax,	5,158 50
Tax on dogs,	84 00
School-house tax, District No. 16,	61 93
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	\$9,230 06

Selectmen in account with the Town of Barnstead, Dr.

To cash received from the County of Belknap,	\$34 72
Railroad tax,	9 35
Literary fund,	105 45
Savings Bank tax,	755 91
Cash hired,	4,917 76
Bonds sold,	7,203 28
J. D. Proctor,	75 00
J. P. Blaisdell,	1 50
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	\$13,102 97
	Cr.

By cash paid Horace Walker, Town Treasurer, as
per receipts, \$13,102 97

RECEIPTS.

HORACE WALKER, TOWN TREASURER,	Dr.
To amount in Treasury, March 1, 1879,	\$1,225 89
To Cash received of Collector, interest,	26 57
From Collector's list of 1879,	9,120 53
From Selectmen,	13,102 97
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	\$23,475 96

EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR 1879.

DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

Paid Samson B. Locke,	\$5 00
Joshua W. Ayers,	5 00
Simon Foss,	4 00
David E. Avery,	6 00
C. F. Emerson,	1 00
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	\$21 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Dr. Geo. H. Hawley, doctoring Geo. Dunham,	\$4 50
John Tasker, aid to Geo. Dunham,	1 25
Walter M. Avery, aid to Mrs. Randall,	6 47
Miranda Parsons, boarding Paul Tibbetts,	22 50
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	\$34 72

REPAIRS ON BRIDGES.

Paid Horace N. Colbath, timber,	\$7 00
Jacob Aikins, labor,	3 75
David B. Davis, lumber and labor,	7 25
Daniel Chesley, labor,	4 17
Samuel Pendergast, lumber,	10 00
T. K. Proctor, bridge plank,	5 67
John L. Piper, "	5 07
N. S. Nutter, labor and lumber,	3 00
Chas. W. Foster, labor,	2 25
Oscar Foss, lumber and labor,	9 19
Jesse Downs, bridge plank,	7 20
Lewis A. Proctor, "	5 00
Isaac H. Clark, labor,	2 75
Chas. F. Jenkins, bridge plank,	4 74
Ezekiel Babb, "	6 48
Samuel A. Hodgdon, "	1 00
Ira L. Berry, labor and nails,	5 10
Calvin D. Garland, labor,	4 60
T. D. Langley, labor and lumber,	12 25
Stephen Pendergast, labor,	75
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	\$107 22

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid District No. 1, John L. Piper, agent,	\$12 74
2, Ira L. Berry,	40 25
3, John W. Elliott,	19 10
4, M. V. B. Nutter,	61 96
5, James R. Berry,	109 08
6, John F. Garland,	51 02
7, Aaron W. Hanscom,	42 22
8, Stephen B. Berry,	40 60
9, Woodbury Munsey,	40 77
10, Samson B. Locke,	41 20
11, Chas. W. Pickering,	16 00
12, David L. Aikins,	4 87
13, Nath'l Aikins,	6 13
14, Chas. Worcester,	26 12
15, Nath'l Aikins,	23 03
16, William S. Nutter,	14 62
17, Simon Foss,	44 34
18, Paul J. Canney,	29 22
19, William Clough,	44 30
20, Joel Clark,	30 32
21, Chas. W. Foster,	15 98
22, James K. Stevens,	27 49
23, Geo. W. Jenkins,	2 25
24, Chas. F. Jenkins,	18 97
25, Jesse Downs,	5 75
26, William Nutter,	14 92
27, Hanson H. Young,	26 18
28, Frank S. Jenkins,	1877 & '78, 11 49
29, Ammon R. Bunker,	1 56
30, Daniel W. Ricker,	11 04
31, Joseph W. Marsh,	4 00
32, Benjamin F. Chesley,	20 32
33, Joseph C. Osborne,	29 35
34, Chas. W. Nutter,	31 80
35, Ezekiel Babb,	4 10
36, Chas. S. George,	26 07
37, William P. Grey,	25 33
38, Chas. W. Adams,	17 13
39, Horatio G. Willey,	25 25
40, Alfred Bunker,	15 50
41, Geo. H. Cilley,	25 03

Paid District No. 42, John Waldo,	" . . .	10 56
43, David E. Avery,	" . . .	12 50
45, Oscar Foss,	" . . .	8 32

\$1,110 25

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Love Berry, note and interest.....	\$1,326 12
J. F. & J. W. Berry, endorsement on note...	650 00
Ellen M. Collins, note and interest.....	61 64
Rhoda Berry, ".....	962 70
Abbie Hill, ".....	129 76
J. F. & J. W. Berry, ".....	1,896 81
Arianna C. Berry, ".....	550 08
No. Barnstead Sewing Society, note & interest	102 50
Samuel Ham, note and interest.....	481 00
Geo. O. Twombly, ".....	783 93
Samson E. Crawford, ".....	279 70
Helen M. Drew, ".....	586 71
Sophronia A. Tasker, ".....	28 00
Ellen H. Colbath, ".....	1,015 00
Aaron W. Foss, ".....	4,803 59
John L. Nutter, ".....	100 67
Jennie L. Jones, ".....	390 64
John B. Garland, ".....	316 60
Amos G. Hill, ".....	56 91
Thomas J. Dudley, ".....	75 59
John L. Nutter, ".....	302 95
John Pendergast, ".....	520 72

\$15,421 62

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid B. W. Sanborn & Co., books, &c.,.....	\$19 96
E. H. Woodman, legal advice,.....	2 00
E. J. Lane, book and express,.....	1 15
Dr. O. F. Ham, return of births and deaths,....	1 25
Dr. John Wheeler, " ".....	50
D. T. Neal, printing Town and School Reports,..	24 00
Alfred Bunker, labor on road,.....	4 00
Frank O. George, ".....	12 12
Chas. N. Kenison, overtax, 1878,.....	1 10
John H. Bartlett, labor on road,.....	3 25
Jacob Aikins, ".....	10 86

Paid Seth Shackford, abt. Dorothy Nutter's heirs' tax,	8 50
Mary Foss, abatement Dorothy Nutter's heirs' tax,	6 80
Chas. H. Dow, labor on road,.....	14 40
Hanson H. Young, ".....	7 76
Albion J. McNeal, ".....	1 00
Frank S. Nutter, ".....	2 89
Julius Gardner, ".....	9 00
Seth Shackford, labor and lumber.....	4 30
Jacob Aikins, providing watering-trough.....	2 00
F. O. M. Tibbetts, " ".....	2 00
John L. Piper, " ".....	2 00
Thomas Berry, labor on road.....	9 45
Aaron W. Hanscom, ".....	5 62
John Pendergast, abatement.....	10 62
William Jenkins, abatement, horses lost.....	68
Henry J. Munsey, 1 1-8 cords of wood,.....	3 94
Chas. E. Edgerly, labor on road.....	12 77
Geo. A. Hall, providing watering-trough.....	2 00
Chas. W. Nutter, " ".....	2 00
Sarah F. Locke, abt. James Locke's poll-tax....	1 70
Sarah F. Locke, providing watering-trough.....	2 00
Thomas S. Straw, abatement, colt lost.....	68
B. F. Chesley, abatement, heifer lost.....	17
Wm. S. Nutter, providing watering-trough.....	2 00
John Walker, repairs on guide-board.....	50
Wm. C. Berry, abt. Mark Walker's poll-tax.....	1 70
H. N. Colbath, Parsonage fund, North.....	8 64
Rufus S. Foss, abatement, cow lost.....	42
Wm. N. Langley, abatement, horse lost.....	85
Chas. Worcester, labor on road.....	1 75
Wm. Bodge, abatement poll-tax.....	1 70
Haven M. Hill, damage on wagon.....	3 00
Daniel P. Nutter, abatement, cow lost.....	42
Daniel E. Tuttle, providing watering-trough.....	2 00
Miranda Parsons, over-tax.....	5 00
John F. Garland, labor on road.....	5 12
Isaac Chesley, abatement, horse lost.....	85
John B. Garland, abatement on money taxed....	13 66
Solomon H. Babb, over-tax.....	1 00
Horace Walker, mistake on dog tax.....	1 00
Geo. H. Cilley, abt. on horse lost, 1879.....	85
Geo. H. Cilley, abt. on ox lost.....	85

Paid Isaac Garland, over-tax.....	5 00
Ezekiel Babb, labor on road.....	3 12
Chas. L. Thomas, abt. Abram Thomas, poll-tax.	1 70
Stephen B. Berry, abt. poll-tax.....	1 70
Geo. W. Pitman, abt. poll-tax 1878.....	1 70
Eliza Tasker, mistake on tax.....	15 64
Eliza Tasker, abt. school-house tax.....	2 03
Ira L. Berry, use of team and money paid out of town	20 00
Thomas Cogswell, legal advice.....	1 00
Calvin D. Garland, money paid for affidavit.....	1 00
Ira L. Berry, taking affidavits, postage stamps, &c.	3 30
Ira L. Berry, labor on road.....	8 00
Calvin D. Garland, team and expenses out of town	6 50
Sally Huntress, abt. N. C. Huntress' poll-tax....	1 70
John Tasker, labor on road.....	1 54
Isaac H. Clark, money paid out.....	1 50
Horace Walker, services and expenses to pay bill	11 60
Hazen Wheeler's Heirs, overtax.....	3 40
Elen H. Colbath, abt. James H. Colbath's poll-tax	1 70

\$335 91

The abatements on Joel Clark's list of 1879, amounting to \$71 43, were made to him on the selectmen's books on settlement.

SCHOOL-HOUSE TAXES.

Paid J. W. Evans and John Tasker, Dist. No. 16..	59 60
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STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State-tax.....	1,208 00
County-tax.....	1,317 63

\$2,525 63

INTEREST ON TOWN BONDS.

Paid J. W. Ayers,	112 00	Thomas Clark,	20 00
Ezekiel Clark,	22 00	John D. Clark,	8 00
Elizabeth A. Glidden,	64 00	John C. Dow,	20 00
Fred Dow,	2 00	Mary Hodgdon,	10 00
David L. McDuffee,	40 00	David E. Lougee,	22 00
A. J. Emerson,	20 00	N. S. Nutter,	14 00
Nancy T. Chesley,	4 00	Henry Chesley,	24 00
Eliza Canney,	31 00	Paul J. Canney,	4 00

Geo. E. Greenleaf,	5 00	Elen A. Horn,	15 00
Sarah Whittier,	32 00	Lizzie E. Garland,	1 00
William E. Jenkins,	6 00	Polly Clark,	2 00
Betsey Hoitt,	3 00	Clarissa Carr,	12 00
Mary Foss,	40 00	Jacob W. Evans,	13 00
William O. Carr,	25 00	John B. Garland,	36 00
John L. Nutter,	28 00	Seth Shackford,	2 00
Sarah P. Garland,	30 00	J.B. & H. S. Goodwin,	20 00
Abbie D. Clark,	15 00	Mary E. Locke,	9 00
Eugene Hanscom,	2 00	Teressa W. Hatch,	17 00
Maria A. Chesley,			16 00

\$746 00

SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1, Edna E. Smart, agent.....	\$123 94
2, Chas. E. Walker, "	106 75
3, John L. Piper, "	139 00
4, John D. Hill, "	95 02
5, John S. Aikins, "	118 88
7, John T. Pitman, "	97 45
7, A. L. Holmes, "	1 35
8, Paul J. Canney, "	77 82
9, James M. Rowe, "	145 06
10, John F. Chesley, "	131 64
11, Chas. F. Emerson, "	87 70
12, Hanson H. Young, "	141 45
13, Hiram Rand, "	110 70
14, Frank P. Varney, "	147 85
15, Frank O. George, "	108 76
16, John Tasker, "	103 90

\$1,737 27

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Paid Albert F. Shackford, services as Town Clerk.	\$25 00
Horace Walker, services as Town Treasurer..	40 00
Ira L. Berry, services as Selectman.....	90 00
Calvin D. Garland, "	62 00
Isaac H. Clark, "	53 00
Joel Clark, services as Collector.....	135 00
Edgar A. Clark, services as S. S. Committee..	40 00
John H. Jenkins, services as Auditor	3 00
Chas. S. George, " " 1878 & '79	6 00

John Dow, Supervisor	4 50
Cyrus W. Blanchard, Supervisor	6 00
Chas. F. Jenkins, "	6 00
	<u>\$470 50</u>

SUMMARY.

Paid for damage done by dogs	\$21 00
Support of poor	34 72
Repairs on bridges	107 22
State and County taxes	2,525 63
Breaking roads	1,110 25
School-house taxes	59 60
Notes and interest	15,421 62
Schools	1,737 27
Miscellaneous	335 91
Officers' salaries	470 50
Interest on bonds	746 00
	<u>\$22,569 72</u>
Cash in Treasury	\$906 24
	<u>\$24,475 96</u>

TOWN OF BARNSTEAD,

Dr.

To amount of notes outstanding against the town.	
March 1, 1880	\$8,101 64
To amount of Bonds	27,398 00
	<u>\$35,499 64</u>
	Cr.
By notes in favor of town	\$328 38
In Treasury	906 24
Balance of indebtedness	34,265 02
	<u>\$35,499 64</u>

Respectfully submitted,

IRA L. BERRY,
CALVIN D. GARLAND,
ISAAC H. CLARK,

Selectmen of Barnstead.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and of the Treasurer, and find them satisfactorily correct.

HORATIO G. WILLEY,
JAMES BODGE, *Auditors.*

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF BARNSTEAD.

Citizens of Barnstead: Schools have been maintained in town as follows.

District No. 1.

Amount of money, \$123.94.

First Term.—MISS VELZORA A. COPP, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$20.00.

Length of term, 6 weeks.

Number of pupils, 9.

Average number, 8 7-10.

Number not tardy or absent, 5.

Miss Copp is one of our most thorough English and Classical scholars, and used every means of illustration to bring a subject clearly before the minds of the pupils. The school made thorough improvement and the order was good.

Second Term, REUBEN COPP, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$25.00.

Length of term, 13 2-5 weeks.

Number of pupils, 24.

Average number, 18.

This school seems to have been a success. At the examination several of the more advanced scholars were absent, and I was not so well able to judge of the progress made.

District No. 2.

Amount of money, \$106.75.

First Term.—MISS AMY F. AYERS, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$14.00. Length of term, 8 weeks.

Number of pupils, 8. Average attendance, 7.

Scholars not absent or tardy, 2.

The district was fortunate in securing the services of an experienced teacher like Miss Ayers. Thoroughness seemed to be the motto of the whole school. At the examination, no scholar failed in any question. That speaks for itself.

Second Term, MISS LUNETTE D. CHAMBERLIN, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$14.00. Length of term, 13 weeks.

Number of pupils, 16. Average number, 14 5-26.

The school appeared well at the commencement. At my second visit I found the number of pupils nearly doubled, and the examination gave evidence of interest on the part of scholars and faithfulness on the teacher's part. This school suffers from a lack of uniformity in text-books.

District No. 3.

Amount of money, \$139.00.

First Term, MISS LUCY A. BERRY, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$20.00. Length of term, 12 weeks.

Number of pupils, 9. Average number, 7 2-29.

Number not absent or tardy, 1.

This school was unsurpassed in excellence by any in town. The closing examination, fair and thorough, was highly creditable to both teacher and scholars. There are no poor scholars in this school, and some very fine ones.

Second Term.—EDGAR A. CLARK, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$28.00. Length of term, 12 weeks.

Number of pupils, 7. Average number, 6.

Disliking to sit in judgment on my own school, I pass by the further report of this term.

District No. 4.

Amount of money, \$95.02.

First Term.—MISS CLARA A. PROCTOR, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$19.00. Length of term, 9 weeks.

Number of pupils, 9. Average number, 7 40-87.

Second Term.—MISS CLARA A. PROCTOR, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$18.00. Length of term, 11 weeks.

Number of pupils, 10. Average number, 8 2-5.

Number not absent or tardy, 1.

Miss Proctor is a teacher of considerable experience, and, as usual, gave good satisfaction.

District No. 5.

Amount of money, \$118.88.

First Term.—MISS MARY F. BLAKE, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$13.00. Length of term, 6 weeks.

Number of pupils, 16. Average number, 13 7-10.

Number not absent or tardy, 5.

The teacher evidently labored hard for the interest of the school, but teaching seems not to be her proper vocation.

Second Term.—EDDIE EDGERLY, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$17.00. Length of term, 6 weeks.

Number of pupils, 18. Average number, 17 1-5.

Number not absent or tardy, 2.

Third Term.—EDDIE EDGERLY, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$19.00. Length of term, 14 weeks.

Number of pupils, 14. Average number, 12 9-28.

Number not tardy or absent, 1.

Mr. Edgerly gave good satisfaction. The school made all the progress that could be expected under the circumstances. It is the most difficult school in town to classify. It seems impossible to so unite the classes as to give each its proper amount of time.

District No. 6.

[This District abolished].

District No. 7.

Amount of money, \$98.80.

First Term.—MISS HELEN KIMBALL, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$18.96. Length of term, 5 weeks.

Number of pupils, 12. Average number, 10 1-5.

I was pleased with the appearance of the school. It seems to me that it is not to the advantage of the district to divide the money so unevenly between the summer and winter terms. The scholars get acquainted with the teacher and barely make a beginning, in so short a time.

Second Term.—MISS SOPHIE GEORGE, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$22.50. Length of term, 12 weeks.

Number of pupils, 15. Average number, 12 55-57.

This term was profitable to the district. There are some classes in Arithmetic, in this school, as good as I have found in town. The teacher succeeded well in awakening an interest in other branches.

District No. 8.

Amount of money, \$77.82.

First Term.—B. FRANK PERKINS, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$28.00. Number of pupils, 5.

This school has been in progress but a short time, but promises well for a successful term. Though this district has the least school money of any in town, such good use has been made of it, for several terms, that the school takes a high rank.

District No. 9.

Amount of money, \$145.06.

First Term.—MISS EMMA F. CLARK, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$22.00.

Length of term, 10 weeks.

Number of pupils, 25.

Average number, 22.

The parents heartily co-operated with the teacher, the scholars emulated their example and made a pleasant and successful school.

Second Term.—DUDLEY L. WHITMARSH, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$28.00.

Length of term, 9 4-5 weeks.

Number of pupils, 32.

Average number, 24.

This was Mr. Whitmarsh's first attempt at teaching, and perhaps some errors in judgment experience will remedy. Some classes made fair improvement, but on the whole the term was not successful.

District No. 10.

Amount of money, \$131.64.

First Term.—MISS ABBIE E. JACOBS, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$19.00.

Length of term, 4 weeks.

Number of pupils, 41.

Average number, 34 1-2.

Second Term.—MISS ABBIE E. JACOBS, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$19.00.

Length of term, 15 weeks.

Number of pupils, 44.

Average number, 32.

Miss Jacobs seems to be an earnest, efficient teacher. The school suffered sadly from sickness during both terms, making the attendance very irregular. The Committee did not notify me of the close of the school, therefore I cannot report the progress made.

District No. 11.

Amount of money, \$87.70.

First Term.—MISS ADA E. EMERSON, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$14.00.

Length of term, 9 week.

Number of pupils, 8.

Average number, 7.

Although a small school, a lively interest was shown throughout the term, and good progress made by the scholars. The teacher seems to be well qualified in every way for a large and advanced school.

Second Term.—MISS MARY E. HUSE, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$20.00.	Length of term, 11 weeks.
Number of pupils, 6.	Average number, 5 1-2.

At my first visit I noted with pleasure the thorough drill given to the classes in reading. The examination gave good satisfaction.

District No. 12.

Amount of money, \$141.45.

First Term.—MISS FANNIE A. HAM, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$17.00.	Length of term, 10 weeks.
Number of pupils, 20.	Average number, 15.

At the close of the term I found the school appearing well. The order was good. There are some very good scholars in this school.

Second Term.—Dr. S. W. YOUNG, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$28.00.	Length of term, 13 weeks.
Number of pupils, 22.	Average number, 16.

Dr. Young is one of our best teachers. His school showed an interest hardly excelled by any in town. More prominence was given to *principles* than to *abstract rules*, as should be in every school.

District No. 13.

Amount of money, \$110.70.

First Term.—MISS NORA M. KNOWLTON, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$18.00.	Length of term, 7 weeks.
Number of pupils, 12.	Average number, 11.

Second Term.—MISS NORA M. KNOWLTON, Teacher.

Wages per month, \$22.00.	Length of term, 14 weeks.
Number of pupils, 12.	Average number, 10.

Number not tardy or absent, 1.

Miss Knowlton, though young and inexperienced as a teacher, succeeded in gaining the good-will of the scholars and parents at the outset, and in maintaining it throughout both terms. The scholars made very fair progress.

District No. 14.

Amount of money, 147.87.

First Term.—EDGAR A. CLARK, Teacher.

Wages per month, 24.00.	Length of term, 8 weeks.
Number of pupils, 25.	Average number, 22 7-10.

Number not absent or tardy, 1.

I shall always regard this as a very pleasant term. The scholars worked well.

Second Term.—C. E. SARGENT, Teacher.

Wages per month, 30.00.

Length of term, 10 weeks.

Number of pupils, 24.

Average number, 20 8-10.

The school appeared well at the commencement, but Mr. Sargent was unexpectedly called away, and I did not receive notice of the close of the term.

District No. 15.

Amount of money, 103.76.

First Term.—MISS SOPHIA GEORGE, Teacher.

Wages per month, 20.00.

Length of term, 6 weeks.

Number of pupils, 16.

Average number, 14 8-15.

It is very difficult, in this district, for any teacher to give entire satisfaction to all, but I have heard no complaints of this term. I think your money was well expended.

Second Term.—MISS EFFIE NUTTER, Teacher.

Wages per month, 20.00.

Length of term, 14 weeks.

Number of pupils, 17.

Average number, 13.

A little more firmness in the government of this school would have been a benefit. Some of the scholars that remained until the close of the school, made fair improvement.

District No. 16.

Amount of money, 103.90.

First Term.—MRS. MARY A. KENISON, Teacher.

Wages per month, 18.00.

Length of term, 8 weeks.

Number of pupils, 8.

Average number, 6 3-4.

Number not absent or tardy, 2.

Second Term.—MRS. MARY A. KENISON, Teacher.

Wages per month, 18.00.

Length of term, 14 weeks.

Number of pupils, 15.

Average number, 10 10-79.

Number not absent or tardy, 1.

The order during the first term was not the best, some scholars appearing to the best advantage under the teacher's constant watch. At the close of the term the classes gave proof of thorough drill. The second term was a decided improvement on the first, both in discipline and results. The class in Geography was one of the most thorough I ever had the pleasure of examining.

The amount of school money raised by vote of the town at the last annual meeting, was \$1,400. Amount of School Fund, \$130. Literary Fund, \$100.27. Dog Tax, \$99. Total, \$1,737.27.

Number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years, as returned by Selectmen last April, 174. Of this number, 91 were boys and 83 were girls. Number of scholars enrolled in the registers of four years of age and upwards, 263.

Arithmetic takes the lead in our schools, evidently being considered by many as of far more importance than anything else. Now, if a small, practical business work could be understandingly and thoroughly taught, and due time and study bestowed on Geography, History, and Penmanship, giving to these branches the attention their importance demands, scholars would constantly through life reap the benefits of practical instruction in the right direction. In our summer schools I found our text-books on Geography wholly lacking in uniformity, and embracing some that, by long-continued use, had become wholly unfit for the purpose.

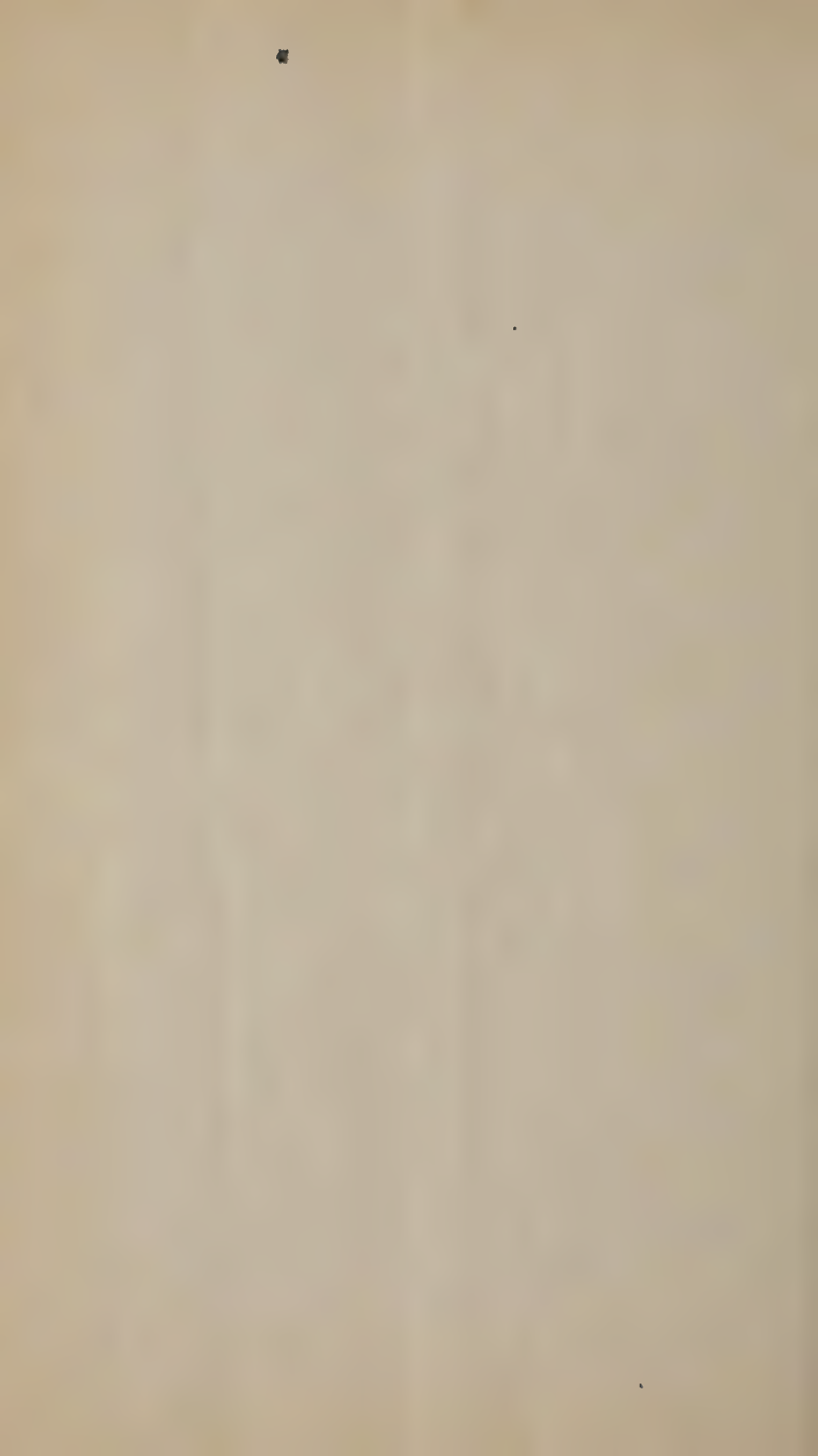
With that variety of books, good, bad, or indifferent, as the case happened to be, classes were multiplied and teachers compelled to omit some recitations or hurry the whole so as to render all nearly worthless; when by a judicious selection of books of superior excellence and by their uniformity admitting of a proper arrangement of classes, time would be given to the teachers, enthusiasm and interest to scholars, and much better results realized from the money we now invest in schools. Believing that an evil lay here, and that the best interests of the schools demanded a remedy, I carefully examined the standard works on the subject and adopted Monteith's Geographies as the cheapest and, in my opinion, the best. I think that teachers and scholars are uniformly pleased with the books.

There have been very few poor schools during the year; your money for the most part has been well expended.

This report, made in accordance with my convictions of duty, is respectfully submitted.

EDGAR A. CLARK,

School Committee.

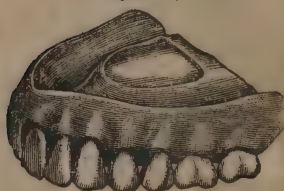


H. A. TUTTLE,
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